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Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders April 9, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Gary Collings, Liz Freeman-Floyd, Bob Mara, Loui Lord Nelson, Cathy Pratt, Ann Schnepf, Kylee Bassett

Guests: Dr. Pat Swails, President, IACTE; Mary Glenn Rinne, DOE/DPS; Nina Brahm, DOE/DEL

1) Discussion about October Symposium

The group decided that the October symposium for college and university trainers will be held at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County, Indiana on October 26th. Presentations will focus on the new CEC/NACTE autism standards, Indiana's standards as they relate to autism, the IDEAL project, and updates about Article 7.

2) Pat Swails, Ph.D.

Pat provided information about the Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE), their role in guiding teacher education in Indiana, and their relationship with the Division of Professional Development at the DOE. She also provided information about Oakland City University and their education program.

3) Article 7 – training section

The group continued to work on language within the training section to help guide educators and parents in their discussion about training to meet the needs of children with disabilities. The group also looked more closely at the definition of autism in Rule 26.